

CONNECTICUT

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

		(dollars in thousands)			
Congress'l	District Park Units/Trails/Affiliated Areas	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2005
		Enacted	Enacted	Uncontrol Changes	Program Changes
					FY 2005 Estimate
	00 Appalachian NST	1,034	1,024	0	0
	04 Weir Farm NHS	774	769	0	0

FY 2005 uncontrollable funding related to pay and benefits has yet to be distributed at the park level.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

CONNECTICUT (NER)

(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

None

SPECIAL STUDIES (See GMP section for further information)

Study Area

Coltsville

Type of Project

Ongoing Study

LAND ACQUISITION

None

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION (see attached)

Park Area

Weir Farm NHS

Project Title

Replace Maintenance, Curatorial and Administrative
Facilities

Funds

\$3,536

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM (subject to change pending program reauthorization)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$559

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$1,404

**National Park Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

Project Score/Ranking:	680
Planned Funding FY:	2005
Funding Source:	Line Item Construction

Project Identification

Project Title: Replace Park Maintenance, Curatorial and HQ Facilities		
Project No: 021523	Unit/Facility Name: Weir Farm National Historic Site	
Region: Northeast	Congressional District: 05	State: CT

Project Justification

Project Description: This project will construct a new maintenance and curatorial facility on recently acquired land a short distance from the historic core of the park and in close proximity to the proposed visitor center and art gallery (to be built sometime in the future, likely on the Goldsmith property). The proposed maintenance facility will be approximately 5,900 square feet and will include approximately 5,400 square feet of light industrial space for maintenance purposes, and approximately 500 square feet of office space for maintenance staff. Approximately 1,925 square feet of exterior storage space for site materials is also required. A 4,350-square-foot curatorial facility will be located on the same parcel of land. It will consist of 2,400 square feet of curatorial storage, office space for five curatorial workers, a researcher workstation, a meeting / conference room, and administrative support space. There will be a researcher station and volunteers will work within the facility. An existing residential building, the Westervelt House, will be renovated for park administrative functions at approximately 1,700 square feet, as well as for the Weir Farm Trust at approximately 375 square feet. The project will include the construction of a 1,600-lineal-foot access road to the facility and parking for 25 vehicles. The facility will be served by a well and on-site septic system. Electric power and communications systems will be run underground along the access road.

Project Need/Benefit: Weir Farm is a relatively new National Park System unit (est. 1990) with no existing NPS-owned on-site facilities for maintenance or curatorial functions. The park is currently leasing temporary maintenance and curatorial space. The proposed permanent on-site facilities would increase operational efficiency, improve stewardship of vital cultural resources, improve employee safety, and reduce operational costs of daily travel and lease expenses. The park administrative division is currently operating out of the second floor of the Burlingham House, one of the park's primary historic structures. Relocation of the administrative function to the new facility will result in improved operational efficiencies and help to preserve a primary historic resource. The Weir Farm general management plan identified a 15-acre parcel of land located within one-quarter mile of the park, to serve as a support area for the park. The GMP intends that this area include a new visitor center and museum/art gallery, and the proposed curatorial, maintenance and administrative facilities. In FY 2000, in keeping with the GMP, Congress appropriated \$2,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing the land for this support area.

Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
10 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
50 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0 % Other Capital Improvement
40 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES: NO: x **Total Project Score:** 680

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate:			Project Funding History:		
Deferred Maintenance Work :	\$ 1,768,000	50	Appropriated to Date:	\$	0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 1,768,000	50	Requested in FY 2005 Budget:	\$	3,536,000
Total Project Estimate:	\$ 3,536,000	100	Planned Funding:	\$	0
Class of Estimate:	B		Future Funding to		
Estimate Good Until:	09/30/05		Complete Project:	\$	0
			Project Total:	\$	3,536,000
Dates:	Sch'd (qtr/yy)		Unchanged Since		
Construction Start/Award	1 / 2005		Project Data Sheet	Departmental	
Project Complete:	4 / 2007		Prepared/Last Updated: 12/5/03	Approval:	
			YES: NO: x		